



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

As you may have noticed, I had the day off on Monday when Macs Rees returned to Davenies as the Headmaster for the day. He did a wonderful job on a busy day and put me to shame with the quality of his suit and tie. The only problem I have now is that Macs brought in a delicious Victoria sponge for our morning break and now the staff seem to think I will be spending my weekend baking. We really enjoyed having Macs with us. He adopted the right level of gravitas, though it was good to see the splash of mud on his lapel from where he had been playing rugby with his old friends.

This is Macs' report on his day as Headmaster:

I thought the day as Headmaster was great and I would love to do that again. Anyone thinking of doing this should not even hesitate to put their hand up.

The day started at the back gate, meeting and greeting the boys and their mums, and saying hello to old class mates. I then attended assembly and read a prayer. Then it was time for some administrative duties, first some letters to prospective parents, then the issue of HMAs and then I did a maintenance tour and check with the caretaker.

By now it was lunch time, and time for some domestic duties, I helped out with the Reception class' lunch hour then sat with my old friends for my lunch.

After lunch it was time for some storytelling to the Reception classes and then to watch Years 7 and 8 at rugby before saying good bye to everyone at the gate.

The day really flew by, how great it is to be a Headmaster.

Macs Rees

Congratulations to Tom and Harry Berkley on being awarded Sports Scholarships to Shiplake College, which reflects their prowess in rowing. Our congratulations go also to Louis Kos who received an Academic Scholarship to Shiplake.

The first Parent Rep meeting occurred on Tuesday morning. Jenny Rush and I met with the Representatives to discuss the beginning of term and the handbooks. My thanks go to the Reps for their attendance and their thoughtful and helpful views. I look forward to meeting the Prep Representatives next week.

Mr Cooke writes...

Movember

You may have noticed the exceptionally delightful grey goatee that is slowly emerging on my face. Many thanks to all those mums who have passed comment and especially those who tell me that I now look even younger than before! However, this 'growth' is actually a way of raising awareness for a charity called **Movember** (<http://uk.movember.com>) which raises funds for Prostate Cancer research.

If you would like to sponsor my effort, I would be very grateful. Donations can be made online, via: <http://uk.movember.com/mospace/242684>, or alternatively, drop something off at the office. Some of the male staff are supporting me by cultivating their own hirsute sculptures.

Thank you.

Mrs Newell writes...

Operation Christmas Child

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Operation Christmas Child campaign over the past month. We have now reached our target and currently have 305 shoeboxes sitting by the foyer wall. We have also had a surge of knitted squares come in, so if any parents would like to put a few scarves together, please help yourself to the squares in the box by the office. We are still waiting for the final collection date, so continue to bring in those boxes next week.

Mrs Russell writes...

Charity Challenge

As part of their extra-curricular activity, Harry Baxter (Year 8), Graeme Miller (Year 7) and Daniel Ward (Year 6) will be presenting an assembly on Monday morning on their chosen Charity Challenge, which is to raise funds to purchase and fill Aquaboxes (www.aquabox.org). Aquaboxes are dropped into disaster-hit zones, and provide a family of four with clean drinking water for up to six months. The boxes are filled with humanitarian aid goods, and posters listing some of the items that can be donated by you will shortly be appearing around the school.

To raise funds for this worthy cause, the boys will be holding a second-hand children's DVD sale on Friday 27th November. Please go through your DVD collection and donate any unwanted PG and U rated DVD's, and please do come along on 27th to replenish your collection. DVDs for the sale can be handed into the School Office or left in the box in the Pre-Prep reception area.

These boys really want to make a difference, so please show your support.

Matron writes...

DrugFAM

DrugFAM is a charity established to help and support families, friends, concerned others and indeed anyone who is affected or concerned by someone else's substance use or misuse.

Addiction is a growing and devastating problem within our society, and with your support this helps to assist with the essential work DrugFAM do as they seek to help local families make sense of their situation and put their lives back together.

Helpline: 0845 388 3853

Office: 01494 442777

DrugFAM is a charity that is supported by Davenies. A Christmas Glitter and Fizz Evening and shopping event is being held at **House of Fraser** in High Wycombe on **Wednesday 11th November** 2009, from 7:00 to 10:00pm in aid of DrugFAM. There will be a fashion show, a glass of bubbly, 10% discount on selected purchases, and a goody bag. Tickets are £10:00 – If you would like a ticket, please contact Sacha Cooper at Sacha.cooper@redhotgroup.co.uk.

Millenium Christmas Trees

A ParentMail will be circulated shortly about how you can help raise funds for Davenies if you buy your Christmas tree from Millenium Trees.

Mrs Ellis writes...

Brochures for the **Puffin Book Club** should come home with your boys today. It is one of the best book clubs, all books are half price or less, and the library will get free books as a result of any orders you place. All you have to do is send your orders and payment to me; I will collate it all and let you know when they arrive, so there is no P&P charge. The sooner I place the order, the greater the chance that the books you would like will not be sold out. Please note that the school account number [000 73 66 289] should be filled in. Please return your orders to me by next Thursday, 12th November. Thank you.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

Many thanks to the parents who kindly accompanied Reception on their very successful trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Wednesday. The photos are on Mrs Peers' windows as well as the Intranet.

The individual photos went well on Thursday and I hope you will be pleased with the results when they arrive. Pre-Prep boys with brothers also had their photos taken.

A big thank-you to the Form Reps who either came to the Form Rep meeting this week or sent information via e-mail. It is always useful to get your views and I shall be sending an e-mail to the Form Reps in due course detailing any action we have taken.

Please may I remind you all to logon to the school Intranet as we have a lot of very useful information under the Pre-Prep section including photos of assemblies and school trips. If you are yet to receive a username and password, please e-mail Mr Gibson with a note of your son's name and form: ict@davenies.co.uk.

May I also remind Reception parents that the weekly plans for each class are posted on the small outdoor noticeboard on the wall next to the double doors leading into Reception. There is one planning sheet for each Reception class.

PREP SCHOOL NOTICES

Mr Locke-Hart writes...

Saturday Football

There will be no Saturday Football this Saturday 7th November. It will commence from 14th November until Saturday 12th December, from 9:00 to 10:30. Entry is via the Sainsbury's Gate and £10 admission is payable on the day.

Soccer Academy

There are still places available for the football camp at Christmas. The dates are the 18th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December, from 10:00 until 3:00. The Academy would be very beneficial for any Year 7s and 8s that are interested in trying out for the 1st and 2nd XI teams next term, as their two coaches will be there taking the sessions.

Mr Gibson writes...

House Points, Week 9

Scott	149.25
Cook	151.54
Drake	165.20
Shackleton	166.60

Sports Results

Team	Score	Result	Scorers
U'9 A IX v Gayhurst	5 – 10	L	C. Hickman
U'9 B IX v Gayhurst	15 – 35	L	E. Mullarkey × 2, N. Lucas
U'9 C IX v Gayhurst	5 – 30	L	J. Lewton-Evans
U'9 D IX v Gayhurst	25 – 55	L	E. Bains, J. Bell, C. Dickason, C. Kramer-Brown, J. Streete
1 ST XV v Gayhurst	25 – 12	W	L. Bollon × 2, L. McGuire, R. Sliwinski, A.J. Woodland × Con + Pen
2 ND XV v Gayhurst	46 – 5	W	F. Williams × 3, J. Baker, J. Crawford, N. Moore, A. Westwater, T. White de Groote + Con, B. Arnold × Con, H. Marsh × Con
Colts A XII v Gayhurst	0 – 42	L	-
Colts B XII v Gayhurst	21 – 14	W	H. Birdsey × 2, I. Rodgers, J. Dunkley × 3 Cons
Colts C XII v Gayhurst	12 – 39	L	W. Wright × 2 + Con
U'8 A VII v Gayhurst	30 – 25	W	J. Chapples × 2, B. Fallowfield × 2, J. Hernandez, O. Masters
U'8 B VII v Gayhurst	45 – 10	W	J. Willcock × 3, J. Iliffe × 2, A. Shackleton × 2, J. Edwards, B. Jameson
U'8 C VII v Gayhurst	45 – 40	W	S. Martin × 6, M. Cooper, O. Galvin, J. Hallows
U'8 D VII v Gayhurst	35 – 35	D	M. Thorne × 2, F. Fricker, C. King, A. Rose, M. Woodward, S. Wright
U'8 E VII v Gayhurst	40 – 10	W	R. Chaudhry × 2, C. Clemow × 2, J. Harris, D. Meijer, W. Reyner, C. Woodall
U'10 A IX v Gayhurst	20 – 15	W	D. Beard × 2, A. McDonald × 2
U'10 B IX v Gayhurst	45 – 0	W	B. Cooper × 2, M. Roberts × 2, T. Walker × 2, C. King, J. Masters, W. Rose
U'10 C IX v Gayhurst	0 – 20	L	-
U'10 D IX v Gayhurst	0 – 55	L	-